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**EDUCATION:** Medical College of PA, Philadelphia, PA 1988 - Pharmacology, Ph.D.  
 St. John's University, New York, NY 1985 - Pharmacology, M.S.  
 China Medical College, Taiwan 1981 - Pharmacy, B.S.

**EMPLOYMENT:**

2019-present CUNY School of Medicine at City College, New York, NY  
 Medical Professor, Molecular, Cellular & Biomedical Sciences

2001-2019 CUNY Medical School at City College, New York, NY  
 Associate Medical Professor, Physiology, Pharmacology & Neuroscience  
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2001 R.W. Johnson Pharmaceutical Research Institute, Spring House, PA  
 Principal Scientist, CNS Research

1998 - 2000 R.W. Johnson Pharmaceutical Research Institute, Spring House, PA  
 Senior Scientist, CNS Research

1998 - 2001 MCP-Hahnemann University School of Medicine, Philadelphia, PA  
 Adjunct Assistant Professor, Pharmacology & Physiology

1994 - 1997 Allegheny University of the Health Sciences/MCP, Philadelphia, PA  
 Assistant Professor, Pharmacology & Psychiatry

1992 - 1994 Medical College of PA (MCP), Philadelphia, PA  
 Assistant Professor, Psychiatry

1990 - 1992 Medical College of PA (MCP), Philadelphia, PA  
 Instructor, Psychiatry

**CURRENT RESEARCH INTERESTS:**

- Age-dependent alterations in neuronal function and the underlying mechanisms.
- Pathogenic mechanisms and therapeutic targets for neurodegeneration in Alzheimer's disease

- Pathogenic mechanisms and therapeutic targets for neuropsychiatric disorders with particular emphasis on bipolar affective disorder and schizophrenia.
- Discovery of novel therapeutic agents and diagnostic biomarkers for neurodegenerative and psychiatric disorders as well as traumatic brain injury.
- Molecular pharmacology, target identification and therapeutic mechanism of psychoactive drugs.

## **LABORATORY TECHNIQUES AND RESEARCH EXPERTISE:**

### **1. Protein biochemistry, physiology and pharmacology of ionotropic and metabotropic receptors as well as trophic factor receptors.**

- Receptor/G protein interactions including GTP binding, calcium signaling, identification and characterization of signal transduction pathways, second messenger ( $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ , cAMP, cGMP & phosphoinositide) measurement, Lipid acylation, Toxin-activated ADP-ribosylation, lipid peroxidation & reactive oxygen species assessment.
- Protein purification and characterization, immunoprecipitation, 1-D/2-D gel electrophoresis, Western blotting, protein phosphorylation/dephosphorylation, protein kinase and enzymatic activity assay, antibody purification & characterization.
- Receptor binding assay, RIA, EIA, high throughput screening, receptor autoradiography.

### **2. Molecular and Cellular biology**

- General molecular biology techniques-Northern and Southern blotting, cDNA library screening.
- General recombinant DNA techniques (cloning to recombinant protein expression).
- Cell culture, cell proliferation & differentiation, cell death assay.

### **3. Bioinformatics**

- Sequence database mining using bioinformatic software tools. Experience with Incyte blast tools, and Incyte databases, NCBI databases.
- Proteomics technology and protein sequencing.

## **CONTRIBUTION TO SCIENCE**

1. My early publications elucidated the molecular mechanism responsible for lithium's pharmacological actions relevant to its efficacy in treating bipolar disorder. My data from several functional studies were the first to show that lithium has a profound inhibitory effect on protein kinase C (PKC) activation at therapeutic doses. Based on this finding, I hypothesized that PKC is overly activated in CNS and peripheral tissues from bipolar patients and that this over-activation could be used as a biomarker to support the diagnosis of this disorder. This hypothesis was proven correct by the findings that membrane-associated PKC is substantially higher in postmortem brain tissues and blood platelets of bipolar subjects in their manic and euthymic states. Lithium and valproate treatments attenuate such hyperactivated PKC by reducing its  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ -dependent cytosol to membrane translocation, the primary activation mechanism for PKC. By providing molecular underpinning and a peripheral state-dependent biomarker for bipolar disorder, this body of work has paved the way to improve the therapeutic efficacy for bipolar disorder treatments. More importantly, this biomarker provides a method of monitoring this disease and therapeutic effects aiming to stabilize bipolar disorder. I served as the primary investigator or co-investigator in all of these studies.

- a. Wang HY, Friedman E (1989) Lithium inhibition of PKC activation and activation-induced serotonin release. *Psychopharmacol* 99: 213-218.
- b. Friedman E, Wang HY, Levinson D, Connell TA, Singh H (1993) Altered platelet protein kinase C activity in bipolar affective disorder, manic episode. *Biol Psychiatry* 33:520-525.

- c. Wang HY, Friedman E (1996) Enhanced protein kinase C activity and translocation in bipolar affective disorder brain. *Biol Psychiatry* 40:568-575.
- d. Wang HY, Markwitz P, Levinson D, Undie AS, Friedman E (1999) Increased membrane-associated protein kinase C activity and translocation in blood platelets from bipolar affective disorder patients. *J Psychiatric Res* 33: 171-179.

2. I investigated the molecular mechanism underlying the long-lasting detrimental effects on cognitive function in offspring of cocaine abuse during pregnancy. My initial efforts led to a discovery that, in contrast to common belief, prenatal cocaine exposure affects specific targets such as D<sub>1</sub> dopamine receptors, leading to distorted dendrites and behavioral dysfunction. More importantly, I observed a substantial increase in membrane-associated protein kinase C (PKC) – similar to that in bipolar disorder – in key brain regions that lasted well into adulthood. Based on this finding and the fact that glutamatergic systems are intimately related to cognitive function, I hypothesized that hyperactivated PKC is the molecular culprit responsible for glutamatergic and hence cognitive dysfunction. This hypothesis was supported by our findings that protracted membrane association of specific PKC isoforms is at least in part responsible for defective AMPA receptor and mGluR1 function. By elucidating the molecular mechanism of glutamatergic dysfunction, this body of work provided a rationale for using agents such as lithium and valproate that reduce excessive PKC activation to treat cognitive problems in prenatal cocaine-exposed individuals. In addition to dramatically alter dopaminergic and glutamatergic neurotransmission, prenatal cocaine exposure also have profound effects on neurotrophin signaling. Using brains from 21-day-old rats that have had exposed to cocaine during gestation, we demonstrate an upregulated BDNF-TrkB signaling by enhancing BDNF binding affinity for TrkB. Since BDNF-TrkB regulates synaptic activity via interacting with NMDARs, these data together indicate the upregulated BDNF-TrkB may be a compensatory response to defects in glutamatergic signaling. I served as the primary investigator or co-investigator in all of these studies. I served as the primary investigator or co-investigator in all of these studies.

- a. Wang HY, Runyan S, Yadin E, Friedman E (1995) Prenatal exposure to cocaine selectively affects D<sub>1</sub> dopamine receptor-mediated activation of striatal Gs proteins. *J Pharmacol Exp Ther* 273:492-498.
- b. Jones LB, Stanwood GD, Reinoso BS, Washington RA, Wang HY, Friedman E, Levitt P (2000) In Utero cocaine-induced dysfunction of dopamine D<sub>1</sub> receptor signaling and abnormal differentiation of cerebral cortical neurons. *J Neurosci* 20: 4606-4614.
- c. Bakshi K, Gennaro S, Chan CY, Kosciuk M, Liu J, Stucky A, Trenkner E, Friedman E, Nagele RG, Wang HY (2009) Prenatal cocaine reduces AMPA receptor synaptic expression through hyperphosphorylation of the synaptic anchoring protein GRIP. *J Neurosci* 29: 6308-6319.
- d. Bakshi K, Parihar R, Goswami SK, Walsh M, Friedman E, Wang HY (2014) Prenatal cocaine exposure uncouples mGluR1 from Homer1 and Gq proteins. *Plus One* 9:e91671.
- e. Stucky A, Bakshi K, Friedman E, Wang HY (2016) Prenatal cocaine exposure upregulates BDNF-TrkB signaling. *Plos One* 11 (8):e0160585.

3. To study functional changes in disease brains, I have adapted and fine-tuned functional studies that are typically used in cells and fresh tissues to analyze the signaling and protein-protein interaction in well-characterized diseased and well-matched control postmortem brains with short postmortem intervals. I call this experimental system the *ex vivo stimulation* paradigm. Using this investigation tool, I have identified changes in receptor-mediated signaling and enzymes such as PKC in bipolar brains. I also identified the  $\alpha 7$  nicotinic receptor ( $\alpha 7$ nAChR) as a sub-pM high-affinity receptor for amyloid- $\beta$  in AD brains. The interaction of amyloid- $\beta$  with  $\alpha 7$ nAChR enables subsequent binding of multiple amyloid- $\beta$  and internalization of the amyloid- $\beta$ / $\alpha 7$ nAChR complexes, accumulation of intracellular amyloid- $\beta$  and plaque formation. Through binding to  $\alpha 7$ nAChR, amyloid- $\beta$  activates several key kinases to promote tau

phosphorylation leading to neurofibrillary lesions and eventual appearance of neurofibrillary tangles. After my discovery that amyloid- $\beta$  signals via the  $\alpha 7$ nAChR, many drug discovery programs aimed to disrupt the amyloid- $\beta$  interaction with  $\alpha 7$ nAChR to reduce AD pathologies and cognitive impairments. One of such compound identified was S 24795 of Servier Laboratoires in France. Working with PTI, I later discovered that the amyloid- $\beta$  toxic signaling that leads to neurofibrillary lesions and inflammation requires recruitment of filamin A. This novel finding led us to hypothesize that manipulating filamin A expression or conformation can reduce AD pathogenesis elicited by amyloid- $\beta$  and thereby normalize synaptic activities and restores cognitive function. More recently, we are the first laboratory to illustrate Filamin A with distorted conformation is intimately involved in AD pathogenesis. This hypothesis was support by the identification of PTI-125 (currently in phase II clinical trial), a small molecule proprietary compound of PTI that binds aberrant filamin A with ultra-high affinity to restore filamin A naïve conformation and reduce AD plaques and neurofibrillary pathologies mouse models and importantly normalizes receptor and synaptic activities in both mouse and human postmortem brain tissues using *ex vivo stimulation* method. More recently, we are the first group to prove experimentally that insulin and IGF-1 receptor signaling defects are prevalently present in AD brains even without diabetes. Such findings indicate that treatment with antidiabetics such as incretin receptor agonists that reduce brain insulin resistance may be effective Alzheimer's disease therapeutics. These studies provide evidence that the *ex vivo stimulation* paradigm using postmortem AD brain tissues is an effective tool to discover broad-spectrum disease-modifying AD therapeutics. The above mentioned target-directed drug discovery programs are accompanied by research efforts on discovery of reliable AD specific diagnostic biomarkers. The effectiveness of AD treatments is closely related to early detection of the disease. These studies have led to identification of potential AD-specific biomarkers such as PTI-125 DX (currently in phase II clinical trial) in the body fluid and peripheral tissues obtained with non-invasive methods. I served as the primary investigator or co-investigator in all of these studies.

- a. Wang HY, Lee DHS, D'Andrea MR, Peterson PA, Shank RP, Reitz AB (2000)  $\beta$ -Amyloid<sub>1-42</sub> binds to  $\alpha 7$  nicotinic acetylcholine receptor with high affinity: implications for Alzheimer's disease pathology. *J Biol Chem* 275: 5626-5632.
- b. Wang HY, Lee DHS, Davis CB, Shank RP (2000) Amyloid peptide A $\beta$ <sub>1-42</sub> binds selectively and with picomolar affinity to  $\alpha 7$  nicotinic acetylcholine receptors. *J Neurochem* 75: 1155-1161.
- c. Wang HY, Li W, Benedetti N, Lee DHS (2003)  $\alpha 7$  Nicotinic acetylcholine receptors mediate  $\beta$ -amyloid peptides-induced tau protein phosphorylation. *J Biol Chem* 278:31547-31553.
- d. Wang HY, Stucky A, Liu J, Shen C, Trocme-Thibierge C, Morain P (2009) Dissociating  $\beta$ -amyloid from  $\alpha 7$  nicotinic acetylcholine receptor by a novel therapeutic agent, S 24795 normalizes  $\alpha 7$  nicotinic acetylcholine and NMDA receptor function in Alzheimer's disease brain. *J Neurosci* 29: 10961-10973.
- e. Wang HY, Bakshi K, Frankfurt M, Stucky A, Goberdhan M, Shah SM, Burns LH (2012) Reducing Amyloid-related Alzheimer's disease pathogenesis by a small molecule targeting filamin A. *J Neurosci* 32(29): 9773-9784.
- f. Talbot K, Wang HY, Kazi H, Han L-Y, Bakshi KP, Stucky A, Fuino RL, Kawaguchi KR, Samoyedny AJ, Wilson RS, Arvanitakis Z, Schneider JA, Wolf BA, Bennett DA, Trojanowski JQ, Arnold SE (2012) Brain insulin resistance demonstrated in Alzheimer's disease without diabetes is associated with dysregulated IRS-1 and implicated in impaired cognition. *J Clin Inv* 122(4): 1-23. (co-first author)
- g. Wang HY, Lee K-C, Pei Z, Khan A, Bakshi K, Burns LH (2017) PTI-125 binds and reverses an altered conformation filamin A to reduce Alzheimer's disease pathogenesis. *Neurobiol Aging* 55: 99-114.
- h. Wang HY, Trocme-Thibierge C, Stucky A, Shah SM, Kvasic J, Khan A, Morain P, Quignot I, Bouguen E, Deschet K, Pueyo M, Mocaer E, Ousset P-J, Vellas B, Kiyasova V (2017) Increased A $\beta$ <sub>42</sub>- $\alpha 7$  nicotinic acetylcholine receptor complex level in lymphocyte is associated with

apolipoprotein E4 driven Alzheimer's disease pathogenesis. *Alzheimer's Research & Therapy* 9:54 (DOI 10.1186/s13195-017-0280-8)

4. Using the *ex vivo stimulation* method, we directly demonstrated a defective NMDA receptor system in schizophrenia relevant to cognitive impairment. We subsequently identified the primary location of the defective NMDA receptor signaling as postsynaptic density and the molecular mechanism responsible for the NMDA receptor hypofunction as enhanced neuregulin- ErbB4 signaling and impaired Src tyrosine kinase. More recently, we identify defects in a metabotropic glutamatergic receptor system, mGluR5 that forms a positive reciprocal interaction loop with NMDARs can contribute to NMDAR hypofunction in schizophrenia. By providing the site and molecular mechanism of NMDA receptor hypofunction, this body of work improves our knowledge of pathogenesis of schizophrenia and enables development of novel therapeutic strategies. One such strategy is repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation (rTMS) to improve NMDA receptor function and thereby alleviate cognitive impairment in schizophrenia. I served as the primary investigator or co-investigator in all of these studies. Since olfactory neuroepithelial cells derived from biopsy can be cultured and expanded for many generations without losing disease-specific phenotypes, we dedicate our efforts on developing these disease-specific changes into biomarkers for differential diagnosis and monitoring the effectiveness of therapeutic agents. These translational research projects are expected to facilitate novel diagnostic and therapeutic strategies into clinical practices in schizophrenia.

- a. Hahn CG, Wang HY, Cho DS, Talbot K, Gur RE, Berrettini WH, Bakshi K, Kamins J, Borgmann-Winter K, Siegel SJ, Arnold SE (2006) Abnormally enhanced neuregulin 1-ErbB4 signaling contributes to NMDA receptor hypofunction in schizophrenia. *Nature Medicine* 12:824-828. (co-first author)
- b. Hahn CG, MacDonald ML, Banerjee A, Cho DS, Kamins J, Nie Z, Borgmann-Winter KE, Grosser T, Pizarro A, Ciccimaro E, Arnold SE, Wang HY, Blair IA (2009) Post-synaptic Density Fractions Obtained from Human Postmortem Brain Tissues. *PloS One* 4: e5251.
- c. Wang HY, Crupi D, Liu J, Stucky A, Cruciata G, Di Rocco A, Friedman E, Quartarone A, Ghilardi MF (2011) rTMS enhances BDNF-TrkB signaling in both brain and lymphocytes. *J Neurosci* 31: 11044-11054.
- d. Banerjee A, Wang HY, MacDonald ML, Borgmann-Winter KE, Stucky A, Kvasic J, Egbujo C, Talbot K, Hemby SE, Siegel SJ, Arnold SE, Gur RE, Hahn C-G (2014) Src hypoactivity is a convergent mechanism for NMDA receptor hypofunction in schizophrenia. *Mol. Psychiatry* doi:10.1038/mp.2014. 115. (co-first author)
- e. Wang HY, MacDonald ML, Borgmann-Winter KE, Banerjee A, Sleiman P, Tom A, Khan A, Lee K-C, Roussos P, Siegel SJ, Hemby SE, Bilker WB, Gur RE, Hahn C-G. mGluR5 hypofunction is integral to glutamatergic dysregulation in schizophrenia. *Mol Psychiatry* (In press)
- f. Borgmann-Winter K, Wang HY, Ray R, Willis BR, Moberg PJ, Rawson NE, Gur RE, Turetsky BI, Hahn CG (2015) Altered G protein coupling in olfactory neuroepithelial cells from patients with schizophrenia. *Schizophr Bull* doi:10.1093/schbul/sbv129.

## RESEARCH GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

### CURRENT FUNDED GRANTS AND CONTRACTS:

1. Translating the function of *C. elegans* APL-1 into understanding the function of human APP. 4/1/2020-1/31/2022



National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (Type: 1 R21 AG065890)

**Co-PI (PI: Chris Li, Ph.D.)** \$135,000

**2. mGluR5 hypoactivity is integral to glutamatergic dysregulation in schizophrenia.**

12/1/2019-3/31/2024

National Institute of Mental Health (Type: 1 R01 MH116463-01)

**Co-PI (PI: Chang-Gyu Hahn, MD, Ph.D.)** \$592,118

**3. Treating Alzheimer's disease by reducing insulin resistance with incretin receptor agonists.**

5/15/2018-2/28/2023

National Institute on Aging (Type: 1 R01 AG057658)

**Co-PI (PI: Konrad Talbot, Ph.D.)** \$1,091,886

**4. Development of PTI-125 DX, a blood-based diagnostic for Alzheimer's disease.**

9/15/2017-6/30/2020

National Institute on Aging (Type: STTR 1R42AG057329)

**Co-PI (PI: George B. Thorton, Ph.D.)** \$238,470

**Phase I & II clinical trial on AD diagnostic marker**

**5. Linking peripheral and brain insulin resistance to AD neuropathology and cognition.**

2018-2023

National Institute on Aging (Type: RF1AG059621)

**Subcontract PI (PI: Zoe Arvanitakis, M.D., M.S.)** \$864,903

**6. Open-label extension of a 3-month blinded clinical trial for PTI-125.**

08/01/2020-07/31/2022

National Institute on Aging (Type: STTR R44 AG 065152-01)

**Subcontract PI (PI: Lindsay Burns, Ph.D.)**

**7. Multiple Ascending Dose clinical trial of PTI-125, a novel AD therapeutic candidate.**

2018-2019

National Institute on Aging (Type: R44 AG 060878)

**Subcontract PI (PI: Lindsay Burns, Ph.D.)** \$118,978

**Phase II clinical trial on AD therapeutic candidate**

**8. Mechanism linking insulin resistance to brain structure, pathology and function.**

2014-2019

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (Type: R01NS084965)

**Subcontract PI (PI: Zoe Arvanitakis, M.D., M.S.)** \$300,000/yr

**9. Lesion and Activity Dependent Corticospinal Tract Plasticity.**

2013-2018

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (Type: 2R01-NS064004-06)

**Investigator (PI: John Martin, Ph.D.)** \$300,000/yr

**10. Influence of S 24795 on A $\beta$ 42- $\alpha$ 7 high affinity interaction, A $\beta$ 42-induced tau phosphorylation, and intraneuronal accumulation of A $\beta$ 42 using rat brain slice organotypic cultures.**

Institut De Recherches Internationales Servier	2005-2020
<b>Principal investigator</b>	\$10,000/yr

<b>11. Evaluating the effects of NP-101 and other agents on blocking spreading depolarization.</b>	
Neuropharmalogic Inc.	2017-2018
	\$ 11,613

**PAST FUNDED GRANTS AND CONTRACTS:**

**Development of a biomarker assay based on the interaction of filamin A with the  $\alpha 7$  nicotinic acetylcholine receptor.**

Pain Therapeutics Inc.	2012-2015
<b>Principal investigator</b>	\$124,822.15/yr

**Exploring the anti-cancer potential of PTI's proprietary FLNA-binding compounds.**

Pain Therapeutics Inc.	2012-2014
<b>Principal investigator</b>	\$30,000/yr

**Profiling of Alzheimer's disease compounds on high affinity A $\beta$ 42 target using rat brain synaptosomes.**

Institut De Recherches Internationales Servier	2012-2013
<b>Principal investigator</b>	\$173,189.96/yr

**Pharmacological profiling of Alzheimer's disease compounds on A $\beta$ 42-induced tau phosphorylation using rat brain tissues.**

Institut De Recherches Internationales Servier	2012-2013
<b>Principal investigator</b>	\$145,556.66/yr
	(Amendment of \$145,500 addition pending)

**Research of proteinic markers in Alzheimer's disease.**

Institut De Recherches Internationales Servier	2012-2013
<b>Principal investigator</b>	\$58,860/yr

**Profiling of Servier compounds on Alzheimer's disease treatment potential using *in vitro* cell-free assays.**

Institut De Recherches Internationales Servier	2011-2012
<b>Principal investigator</b>	\$58,087/yr (renew yearly)

**Establishment of a medium throughput cell-free assay.**

Institut De Recherches Internationales Servier	2011-2012
<b>Principal investigator</b>	\$100,000/yr
	(\$10,000/year additional starting on 2013)

**Neuronal responsiveness to lithium**

National Institute of Mental Health (Type: RO1-MH080193)	2008-2013
<b>Sub-contract collaborator (PI: Chang-Gyu Hahn, M.D., Ph.D.)</b>	\$34,000/yr

**Determination of enhanced basal coupling by receptors in spinal cord corresponding to Neuropathic injury and potential inverse agonists.**

Pain Therapeutics Inc.	2005-2012
<b>Principal investigator</b>	<b>\$5,000/yr</b>

<b>Proof of Concept Using Lead Compounds from Medicinal Chemistry.</b>	2009-2012
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Pain Therapeutics Inc.

**Principal investigator**

\$31,782/yr

**Pharmacological profiling of Alzheimer's disease compounds on A $\beta$ 42- $\alpha$ 7 high affinity interaction, A $\beta$ 42-induced tau phosphorylation, and A $\beta$ 42-mediated neuronal functions using rat brain slice organotypic cultures.**

Institut De Recherches Internationales Servier

2007-2010

**Principal investigator**

**Target identification of ultra-low-dose opioid antagonists in preventing the Mu opioid receptor – G protein coupling switch that occurs in opioid tolerance**

Pain Therapeutics Inc.

2005-2010

**Principal investigator****Neuregulin 1-erbB4 signaling in schizophrenia**

2006-2010

National Institute of Mental Health (Type: RO1)

**Sub-contract collaborator** (PI: Chang-Gyu Hahn, M.D., Ph.D.)**Prenatal cocaine alters NMDA receptor assembly.**

National Institute of Drug Abuse (Type: MIDARP)

2005-2010

**Principal investigator** (Program director: Eitan Friedman, Ph.D.)**Neuregulin 1- erbB4 – NMDAR signaling in Postmortem Brains**

Stanley Foundation

2005-2008

**Co-investigator** (PI: Chang-Gyu Hahn, M.D., Ph.D.)**Prenatal Cocaine exposure induces AMPA receptor dysfunction.**

CUNY Collaborative Incentive grant

2005-2007

**Principal investigator**

**Underlying mechanism of the mu opioid receptor G-protein switch that occurs in opioid Tolerance and its prevention by ultra low dose opioid antagonists.**

Pain Therapeutics Inc

2004-2006

**Principal investigator****Intracellular Beta-Amyloid Accumulation and Neuronal Degeneration in Alzheimer's Disease.**

Alzheimer's Association.

2003-2006

**Co-investigator** P.I.: Robert G. Nagele, Ph.D.

**Assessment of mu opioid receptor-G protein switching in oxycodone tolerance and neuropathic pain & its prevention by ultra-low-dose naltrexone.**

National Institute of Mental Health/STTR

2004-2005

**Principal investigator**

**Assessment of G-Portein coupling and signaling of the mu opioid receptor in morphine naïve And morphine tolerant rats using receptor stimulation by morphine vs morphine + naloxone.**

Pain Therapeutics Inc.

2003-2004

**Principal investigator****Destruction of the D<sub>1</sub> dopamine receptor and G protein coupling:**

1998-2001



**molecular mechanism of developmental abnormality induced by prenatal cocaine exposure.**  
 March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation,  
**Principal investigator**

**Age and vascular  $\alpha$ 1-adrenoceptor functional coupling.** 1997-1999  
 National Institute of Aging,  
**Principal investigator**

**G proteins in desensitized vascular smooth muscle.** 1995-1997  
 Alleghny-Singer Research Institute,  
**Principal investigator**

**Altered receptor-G protein coupling: molecular mechanism of hypertension.** 1995-1997  
 American Heart Association, Southeastern Pennsylvania Affiliate,  
**Principal investigator**

**Brain Structure and Function after Fetal Cocaine Exposure.**  
 National Institute on Drug Abuse 1990-1994  
**Investigator** PI: J. Harvey, Ph.D.

**Neural, Endocrine, and Gastric Changes Induced by Immobilization Stress.** 1992-1993  
 Ciba-Geigy corporation,  
**Principal investigator**

**Alzheimer's Disease Related Alterations in Serotonin Receptors-G Proteins Interaction.** 1992-1993  
 Alleghny-Singer Research Institute,  
**Principal investigator**

**Dopamine-linked phosphoinositide metabolism in brain.** 1991-1995  
 National institute of Neurological disorders and Stroke 1996-2000  
**Investigator** P.I. Eitan Friedman, Ph.D.

**Effect of Age on Serotonin-Induced G Protein Activation.** 1991-1992  
 Center for Gerontological Research,  
**Principal investigator**

**Protein kinase C in Mania and in Lithium's Actions.** 1989-1994  
 National Institute of Mental Health  
**Co-investigator** PI: E. Friedman, Ph.D.

**Aging, Protein kinase C and Serotonin Release.** 1988-1993  
 National Institute of Aging 1993-1998  
**Co-investigator** PI: E. Friedman, Ph.D.

**The Effect of Age on Human Protein kinase C.** 1989-1990  
 American Federation for Aging Research (AFAR),

**Principal investigator****Role of Protein Kinase C in Aging.**

1988-1989

American Federation for Aging Research (AFAR),

**Co-investigator** PI: Jupiter Yeung, Ph.D.**Protein Kinase C in Alzheimer's Disease.**

1988-1989

Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Associations, Inc.(ADRDA)

**Principal investigator****PENDING RESEARCH GRANTS AND CONTRACTS**

Project Number: 1R01AG076124-01

PIs: Hussein Yassine, Hoau-Yan Wang, Zoe Arvanitaki

*Title: Brain cPLA2 as a mechanism for neuroinflammation in AD/ADRD with and without APOE4*

Project Number: R41 NS 108830

PI: Hoau-Yan Wang, Ph.D

Source: NIDDS

**Title: A natural product PP2A inhibitor for the treatment of migraine.**

The primary goal of this study is to determine whether blocking cortical spreading depolarization by a natural product

PP2A inhibitor can be therapeutically beneficial to treat migraine.

Dates of proposed project: 09/1/2018-02/28/2020

Annual Direct costs: \$89,172

Project Number:

Co-PI: Hoau-Yan Wang, Ph.D **PI: Lindsay Burns, Ph.D.**

Source: NCI

**Title: PTI-910, a novel small molecule that suppresses mTOR and K-RAS by binding filamin A.**

The primary goal of this study is to determine the anti-cancer therapeutic efficacy of the

PTI-910 in a preclinical setting.

Dates of proposed project: 04/1/2019-03/31/2020

Annual Direct costs: \$48,059

Effort: 0.5 Academic

No budgetary and scientific overlap

**PATENTS**

1. Alzheimer's disease assay in living patients

US Patent No.: 11,385,221 (7/12/2022)

Author: **Wang HY**, Burns Barbier LH

An assay for Alzheimer's disease (AD) pathology in a living patient is disclosed wherein an amount of  $\alpha 7$ nAChR or TLR4 in a FLNA-captured protein complex or  $\alpha 7$ nAChR in an A $\beta$ -captured protein complex or  $\alpha 7$ nAChR-FLNA, or TLR4-FLNA and/or  $\alpha 7$ nAChR-A $\beta$ 42 complex present as a protein-protein complex in a sample is compared to the amount in a standard sample from a person free of AD pathology. An amount greater than in the standard

sample indicates AD pathology. Also disclosed is an assay predictive of prognosis for treatment with a medicament in which the amount of an above protein or protein complex is compared to an amount in the presence of a medicament that binds to a FLNA pentapeptide and contains at least four pharmacophores of FIGS. 7-12. An amount of protein or protein complex determined in the presence of medicament that is less than the first amount indicates a favorable treatment prognosis.

2. Method for inhibiting growth of cancer cells

US Patent No: 10363239 (7/30/2019)

Author: Wang HY, Burns Barbier LH

This patent describes a method of inhibiting the growth of cancer cells is disclosed in which cancer cells that contain an enhanced amount relative to non-cancerous cells of one or more of phosphorylated mTOR, Akt1, ERK2 and serine2152-phosphorylated filamin A are contacted with an FLNA-binding effective amount of a compound or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof that binds to the pentapeptide of filamin A (FLNA) of SEQ ID NO: 1 and exhibits at least about 60 percent of the FITC-labeled naloxone binding amount when present at a 10  $\mu$ M concentration and using unlabeled naloxone as the control inhibitor at the same concentration. A compound that binds to the FLNA pentapeptide preferably also contains at least four of the six pharmacophores of FIGS. 19-24.

3. Alzheimer's disease assay in living patients

US Patent No.: 10,222,368 (3/5/2019)

Author: **Wang HY**, Burns Barbier LH

This patent describes an assay for Alzheimer's disease (AD) pathology in a living patient is disclosed wherein an amount of  $\alpha$ 7nAChR or TLR4 in a FLNA-captured protein complex or  $\alpha$ 7nAChR in an A $\beta$ -captured protein complex or  $\alpha$ 7nAChR-FLNA, TLR4-FLNA and/or  $\alpha$ 7nAChR-A $\beta$ 42 complex present as a protein-protein complex in a sample is compared to the amount in a standard sample from a person free of AD pathology. An amount greater than in the standard sample indicates AD pathology. Also disclosed is an assay predictive of prognosis for treatment with a medicament in which the amount of an above protein or protein complex is compared to an amount in the presence of a medicament that binds to a FLNA pentapeptide and contains at least four pharmacophores.

4. Method for inhibiting tau phosphorylation

US Patent No.: 10,017,736 (7/10/2018)

Author: **Wang HY**, Burns Barbier LH

This patent describes a method of inhibiting phosphorylation of the tau protein and/or a TLR4-mediated immune response is disclosed. The method contemplates administering to cells in recognized need thereof such as cells of the central nervous system an effective amount of a of a compound or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof that binds to a pentapeptide of filamin A (FLNA) of SEQ ID NO: 1, and contains at least four of the six pharmacophores of FIGS. 35-40.

5. Alzheimer's disease assay in living patients

US Patent No.: 9,500,640 (11/22/2016)

Author: **Wang HY**, Burns Barbier LH

This patent describes an assay for Alzheimer's disease pathology in a living patient wherein the  $\alpha 7$ nAChR/FLNA, TLR4/FLNA and/or  $\alpha 7$ nAChR/A $\beta$ 42 complex levels as the predictive of prognosis for treatments.

6. Method for inhibiting growth of cancer cells

US Patent No.: 9,433,604 (9/26/2016)

Author: **Wang HY**, Burns Barbier LH

A method of inhibiting the growth of cancer cells is disclosed in which cancer cells that contain an enhanced amount relative to non-cancerous cells of one or more of phosphorylated mTOR, Akt1, ERK2 and serine2152-phosphorylated filamin A are contacted with an FLNA-binding effective amount of a compound or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof that binds to the pentapeptide of filamin A (FLNA) of SEQ ID NO: 1 and exhibits at least about 60 percent of the FITC-labeled naloxone binding amount when present at a 10  $\mu$ M concentration and using unlabeled naloxone as the control inhibitor at the same concentration. A compound that binds to the FLNA pentapeptide preferably also contains at least four of the six pharmacophores of FIGS. 19-24.

7. Alzheimer's disease assay in living patients

US Patent No.: 9,354,223 (5/31/2016)

Author: **Wang HY**, Burns Barbier LH

This patent describes an assay for Alzheimer's disease pathology in a living patient wherein the  $\alpha 7$ nAChR/FLNA, TLR4/FLNA and/or  $\alpha 7$ nAChR/A $\beta$ 42 complex levels are greater than standard samples to indicate Alzheimer's disease.

8. Filamin A binding anti-inflammatory and analgesic.

US Patent No.: 9,340,558 (5/7/2016)

Author: Burns Barbier LH, **Wang HY**, Lin N-H, Blasko A.

This patent describes a novel class of powerful anti-inflammatory and/or mu opioid receptor agonistic analgesic agents that bind with high affinity to filamin A. Unlike the existing narcotics, these analgesic agents produce minimal tolerance and dependence.

9. Analgesia with minimal tolerance and dependence by a mu opioid receptor agonist that also binds filamin A.

US Patent No.: 8,722,851 (5/13/2014)

Author: **Wang HY**, Burns Barbier LH, Wang J.

This patent describes a novel class of analgesic agents that are agonists of the mu opioid receptor and bind with high affinity to filamin A. Unlike the existing narcotics, these analgesic agents produce minimal tolerance and dependence.

10. Filamin A binding anti-inflammatory and analgesic.

US Patent No.: 8,653,068 (2/18/2014)

Author: Burns Barbier LH, **Wang HY**, Lin N-H, Blasko A.

This patent describes another novel class of powerful anti-inflammatory and/or mu opioid receptor agonistic analgesic agents that bind with high affinity to filamin A. Unlike the existing narcotics, these analgesic agents produce minimal tolerance and dependence.

11. Filamin A binding anti-inflammatory and analgesic.  
US Patent No.: 8,614,324 (12/24/2013)  
Author: Burns Barbier LH, **Wang HY**, Lin N-H, Blasko A.  
This patent describes another novel class of powerful anti-inflammatory and/or mu opioid receptor agonistic analgesic agents that bind with high affinity to filamin A. Unlike the existing narcotics, these analgesic agents produce minimal tolerance and dependence.
12. Filamin A binding anti-inflammatory and analgesic.  
US Patent No.: 8,580,809 (11/12/2013)  
Author: Burns Barbier LH, **Wang HY**, Lin N-H, Blasko A.  
This patent describes another novel class of powerful anti-inflammatory and/or mu opioid receptor agonistic analgesic agents that bind with high affinity to filamin A. Unlike the existing narcotics, these analgesic agents produce minimal tolerance and dependence.
13. Filamin A binding anti-inflammatory and analgesic.  
US Patent No.: 8,580,808 (11/12/2013)  
Author: Burns Barbier LH, **Wang HY**, Lin N-H, Blasko A.  
This patent describes another novel class of powerful anti-inflammatory and/or mu opioid receptor agonistic analgesic agents that bind with high affinity to filamin A. Unlike the existing narcotics, these analgesic agents produce minimal tolerance and dependence.
14. Analgesia with minimal tolerance and dependence by a mu opioid receptor agonist that also binds filamin A.  
US Patent No.: 8,492,349 (7/23/2013)  
Author: **Wang HY**, Burns Barbier LH, Wang J.  
This patent describes a novel class of analgesic agents that are agonists of the mu opioid receptor and bind with high affinity to filamin A. Unlike the existing narcotics, these analgesic agents produce minimal tolerance and dependence.
15. Methode de criblage de composes aux proprietes anti-amyloide (Screening method of anti-amyloid compounds)  
Patent No.: n°06/07385  
Authors: **Wang HY**, Morain P, Thibierge C  
This patent describes a novel method to select compounds that may retard  $\beta$ -amyloid induced neuronal dysfunction. The compounds identified through this screening program may be used to treat neurodegenerative diseases with amyloid pathologies including Alzheimer's disease and Down syndrome.
16. Method for treating neurodegenerative disorders  
Patent No.: 7,018,797 (3/28/2006)  
Authors: Reitz AB, Demeter DA, Lee DHS, **Wang HY**, Chen RH, Morgan Ross T, Scott MK, Plata-Salaman CR  
This patent describes a novel method of treating a neurodegenerative disorder by inhibiting the interaction between Amyloid  $\beta$  and  $\alpha 7$  nicotinic receptor.
17. Method of treating neurodegenerative disorders via inhibition of amyloid  $\beta$  binding.  
Patent No.: 6,441,049

Authors: Reitz AB, Demeter DA, Lee DHS, **Wang HY**, Chen RH, Morgan Ross T, Scott MK, Plata-Salaman CR

This patent describes a novel method of treating a neurodegenerative disorder by inhibiting Amyloid  $\beta$  binding.

18. ErbB4 as a therapeutic target of psychotic illnesses  
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| 09/2019 | VI International Workshop on Nitric Oxide in Cancer and Beyond<br>New York, USA<br><b>NMDA receptor-mediated signaling and activation of NOS in healthy human glia and glial tumors</b>                                 |
| 04/2018 | The 15th World Congress of the Society for Brain Mapping and Therapeutics<br>Los Angeles, USA<br><b>Reducing amyloid-related Alzheimer's disease pathogenesis by a small molecule targeting filamin A</b>               |
| 09/2017 | NYU Joint Fresco Institute & Neuroscience Research Meeting<br>New York, USA<br><b>Fluid biomarkers to tract Parkinson's disease progression</b>   |
| 06/2015 | NYC visiting fellowship in transcranial Magnetic Stimulation<br>New York, USA<br><b>Molecular effects of TMS in animals</b>   |
| 07/2012 | Alzheimer Association International Conference<br>Vancouver, Canada<br><b>PTI-125 reduces amyloid-related Alzheimer's pathogenesis by targeting filamin A.</b>  |
| 03/2011 | Institut De Recherches Internationales Servier<br>Croissy-Sur-Seine, France<br><b>Impaired Insulin Signaling in Hippocampal Formation of the Alzheimer's disease cases.</b>   |
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